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Lorri Davis

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Oppose

I oppose any Hilcorp any new activity in Anchor Point. As a resident I think the Anchor River needs to be put first and foremost and not allow Hilcorp to come in a pock mark the area with gas and oil pads.



Kat Haber

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Oppose

I stand opposed to the leasing of land to Hilcorp for oil and gas exploration beside Chapman school and the Kenai Peninsula. The threat of oil/gas leaks is great in a seismically active region as is the Kenai Peninsula. Is this what we want right next to our kids' school at Chapman? What is the impact of noise on our ocean mammals and shellfish? Will you be contributing to death by a thousand cuts with the incremental incursion of oil/gas in South Central Alaska.

The real estate values of Clam Gulch owners to Homer's East End Road are dropping tens of thousands of dollars since they felt compelled to sell. The neighbors complain about these abuses of the friendly neighborliness that attracted so many to our idyllic Kenai Peninsula: (1) traffic to and from the pad, (2) constant noises-loud voices/alarms/roar of flaring methane, (3) tree clear-cutting that strips privacy and destroys views, (4) brutish contractor comments, (5) round the clock bright lights, (6) massive shaking & vibrations that shake houses. One homeowner was told the dollar value of his property and residence had dropped by \$30,000 since BlueCrest's arrival. I ask you borough decision-makers to stand up for our residents over the resource grab that is disturbing our quality of life on the Kenai. Many of these property owners have already asked for action to protect their property values.

Decades ago the threat of oil/gas exploration in Kachemak Bay was halted because the people campaigned they did not want to see that use of our lands and waters in this special place on the planet. That same interest is thriving today among the residents of the Kenai Peninsula. If you do not hear greater protests, it may be because many have succumbed to feeling that you are not listening and that the fix is in and voices have no pull with our elected officials. Please prove that you are listening actively and will not relinquish the magical place we fortunately call home here on the Kenai. We did not want oil derricks then. We do not want gas drills now. We did not want oil shipping then. We do not want fracked gas trucks now. We did not want toxic extraction then. We do not want toxic fracking cocktails now. We did not want to contribute to seismic fragility then. We do not want to stir earthquakes now-see Oklahoma. We did not want cancer clusters then or now. We valued our clean air then. We want clean air still-no methane flares. We appreciated the non-industrialization of Kachemak Bay then. We appreciate the peacefulness of the Kenai Peninsula now.

Stand with the interests of homesteaders, campers, schoolkids, families, retirees, Air BNB's, and other business owners that make their livelihoods on tourism. Oil/gas extraction is wholly incompatible with tourism. The two simply do not blend. Thousands of visitors who drive down the Sterling Wild and Scenic Highway. You simply can not hide the hideous noise, lights, air smell, water truck traffic, and shaking. Please reverse this dangerous direction. Indigenous elders are warning us that we have one decade to right our relationship with nature. Oil/gas are the wrong activity in the wrong place. Not in Alaska. Not on the Kenai. Not in Kachemak Bay.

Warming temps, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports Cook Inlet temperatures have allowed cold-sensitive insects and invasive plants to survive, losing 4 million acres of spruce trees and 60 percent of available water in the Kenai lowlands.

University of Alaska Anchorage economist Steve Colt urges Alaskans to prepare for the coming impacts of ocean acidification. As the temperatures increase, the impacts will, too. What world are we destroying and what world are we creating for our children? Our children's children? With the fishing industry the largest private sector employer in the state, are we sacrificing a sustainable fishery for a finite extraction? Will you sacrifice fishing on the Anchor for Hillcorps for their profit-seeking. Can you find a way to value peace-seeking over profit-seeking.

We live on the Kenai because it is uniquely beautiful among the quiet places on the planet. We enjoy breathtaking views. We eat delicious, natural fish. We are neighborly with each other in our communities. We walk the trails and beach for peace of mind.

Economology: economy that values our ecology. I ask you to value the rare ecology that brought us all here in the first place. There are no jobs on a dead and industrialised Kenai. There is no other Kenai. Please protect the one you find your families living in. Please protect our shared air, water, and soils from extraction. Millions can never reproduce the beauty, serenity, and priceless pieces of the Kenai we all call home.

Thank you for being bold, courageous, and respecting nature,

Kat Haber

300 Whispering Meadows, Homer, AK



Bob Shavelson

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Oppose

To the Assembly:

Please consider three issues when deciding on Ord. 2018-34:

1. If Hilcorp cannot reach one or more of the proposed KPB parcels from its Seaview Pad, it is important to understand Hilcorp's future surface entry plans in and around Anchor Point to understand if these leases are truly in the best interests of the KPB. Where does Hilcorp plan to drill in the future, and how will that affect residents and public resources? The current Seaview Pad is sited less than 1/4 mile uphill from the Anchor River, and a blow-out or large spill there will cause serious damage to the Anchor River.

2. The staff memo to the Planning Commission for its November 14 meeting states the royalty deductions have been removed from the lease, but the current version on the KPB Assembly web page for this meeting still includes the royalty reductions. Because such open-ended deductions can chew-up a considerable chunk of the royalty, they should be removed from any lease the KPB enters to ensure it's in the best interests of the KPB.

3. Staff notes North Slope royalties at 16.66% with Cook Inlet at 12.5%, but this is not a hard and fast rule. While there are different costs considerations in each area, suffice to say the North Slope is an expensive place to do business. As a result, if this lease is to be in the best interests of the KPB, the royalty should be at least 16.66%.

Thank you -

Bob Shavelson
Cook Inletkeeper

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Greg Durocher

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Support

As KPB landowners, Anchorage residents, and natural gas users, we would like to register support for the Hilcorp gas lease near Anchor Point. You will undoubtedly hear much negative commentary on this from local folks who burn high-carbon beach coal and/or high-particulate firewood, who do not see the larger regional benefits of keeping low-carbon natural gas in the power equation. This NIMBY approach to resource utilization, if successful, only serves to increase energy costs - and ultimately prices - for the entire region. There are many thousands of gas wells in the U.S. that create no adverse impact on communities. Look at the data and the facts, not the emotions and the hype.

Thank you for your consideration,

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